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Remarks

The Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and § 372 to one of the following inventions:

Group I: claims 1 – 5, drawn to a method for producing a dendrimer;

Group II: claim 6, drawn to a compound of formula (I-1);

Group III: claim 7, drawn to another compound of formula (I-2);

Group IV claim 8, drawn to another compound of formula (I-3) (erroneously

labeled Group III in the Restriction); and

Group V claims 9 - 10 drawn to a method for producing a thiopene compound.

The Examiner further requires election of species.

In view of the restriction/election requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I, which includes claims 1-5 and species $-B(OH)_2$ for V_1 and Br for V_2 , to be prosecuted in a single application. This election is being made without prejudice to the filing of one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions or any other subject matter of this application.

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